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MERCHANTS PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE

Large Stocks on Hand From Which to Make Selections.

The Christmas spirit is in the air and the St. Helens merchants have not been slow to take advantage of it. The slogan "Shop early," has already brought many out of town people, as well as the town people to the different shops where they find Christmas gifts on display.

After looking the whole town over, we are convinced that anyone wishing to buy Christmas presents can find a great variety right in St. Helens, and the home merchants must have had this in mind, for they have assembled a great showing of useful as well as ornamental articles.

PARCEL POST SALE IS BIG SUCCESS

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church held a parcel post sale and dinner in the basement of the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon. There was a large crowd in attendance and a nice sum was realized which will be expended for buying silverware and other necessary articles for the church dining room.

EDWARD BOULBY SERIOUSLY INJURED

In Darkness Falls Over Bluff—Is Now in Hospital.

Edward Boulby, an employe of the St. Helens Lumber Company, had a narrow escape from death early Friday morning. When going to work in the darkness of the early morn, he missed the right trail and took the one leading to the Columbia Contract Company's quarry.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

All students of the S. H. H. S. gladly returned to their studies after the Welcome Thanksgiving holiday. The football game which was played November 30 between the S. H. H. S. and the K. E. D. boys of Oregon City resulted, of course, in a victory for St. Helens, the score being 28 to 12.

Mr. Beeler, formerly of the S. H. H. S. and a star football player, has gone back to Warren. He will be missed greatly by the students.

Miss Adelaide Adams has been endeavoring to start a girl's basketball team, but without apparent success.

The members of the Girls' Literary Society enjoyed a very pleasant evening in the assembly hall Wednesday, November 29. Each member came dressed to represent one of "ye olden time" New Englanders.

The boys who attended the Boys' Conference at Corvallis have returned to school. They will give their reports Friday morning.

Mason Dillard, the first to return from the conference, came directly to the schoolhouse. We certainly weren't aware that school possessed such charms for him.

Scowhere between Corvallis and St. Helens, Mr. Billy Dodd, the brawny as well as brainy soph, was lost on his way from the conference. It was feared that some kindly person had kidnapped him for a watch charm.

CITIZENS NOMINATE ANOTHER TICKET

Primary Choice for Mayor Meets With Disfavor in Astoria.

It seems that the selection of F. C. Harley at the recent primary in Astoria is not to the liking of many of Astoria's citizens, for they held a mass meeting several days ago and nominated Geo. Hyland to oppose the regular nominee.

CREAMERY ASSN. HAS ALL DAY SESSION

Stockholders and Families Entertain and Have Get-Together Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Helens Co-operative Creamery Association was held Saturday. It was an all day session which was participated in by the stockholders, their families and guests.

The afternoon session was held in the city hall. The Warren Boys' Orchestra gave several excellent selections, and speeches were made by State Dairy Commissioner Mickle, Prof. Flits of the Oregon Agricultural College and G. E. Freebert, manager of the Dairymen's Exchange in Portland.

The officers and stockholders were well pleased with the day's entertainment, and each left with the firm conviction that the co-operative creamery is all of the success which they expected. While not officially advised, the Mist learns from an authoritative source that the first year's earnings will permit the distribution of an 8 per cent dividend to the stockholders.

BEAVER TRAPPERS ARE ARRESTED

Deputy Game Warden Brown Brings Law Violators to Time.

Acting upon a tip received from parties at Westport, Deputy Game Warden Brown and Sheriff Stanwood made a visit to Kerry station Wednesday, where they arrested Edward Gay and Bill Harris and charged them with trapping and having skins of fur-bearing animals in their possession.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Saturday night, about 12 o'clock, Mrs. Stone, who lives in Columbia Park addition, was awakened by a noise at the window of her bedroom. She watched for a few moments and saw a man trying to break the fastenings, so she screamed for help, and from all reports screamed loudly, for neighbors were awakened and saw the man leaving post haste across the low lands just back of her house.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The school children of the grades will give an entertainment at the city hall Friday evening, December 15. Each grade will give some little playlet and entertaining numbers. The High School Glee Club and the quartet will also assist in the program.

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

Routine Matters Taken Up and Monthly Expense Bills Allowed

In their first meeting of the month the city council was engaged with the following matters as per minutes of Recorder Quick.

All members present except E. I. Ballagh.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The mayor reported that the roof of the city hall had been repaired.

John Phillip, who had been notified about the stone blocks in the city rock quarry, reported that he had sold about 17,000 blocks and would pay the city the royalty for them during the present month, which was agreed to by the council.

Councilman Allen reported that the sidewalks in front of the A. T. Laws property and the Sunset Club property had not been completed yet. It was decided that the same be attended to as soon as possible.

In the matter of the proposed poultry show to be held in the city hall, after discussion of the matter it was decided that the hall be not used for that purpose.

The city marshal was instructed to keep the streets and crossings as clean as possible under present conditions of the weather; also to look after defective sidewalks; also to have charge of the renting of the city hall and cleaning of the same; also to post notices of warning in the city rock quarry.

Councilman White reported that parties living beyond the Milton creek bridge, in West St. Helens, had spoken to him about having the line of the street or road established so that they could build some sidewalks, it appearing that there was no street laid out and that it was a county road.

The question of improving the street or road west of the railway depot was taken up and discussed, and it was decided that nothing be done at the present time, until the county court had made a proper fill in the road near the railroad crossing.

In the matter of the city budget, the same was discussed but no action taken thereon.

The recorder was instructed to furnish the marshal with a list of pool hall licenses and picture show licenses now due the city.

A statement was received from A. W. Mueller, claiming that the city had used his barn at West St. Helens for eleven months, and asked the council to pay him what they thought was right for the use of the same. A motion was made and carried that he be allowed 25 per cent of the receipts for pound fees, collected at West St. Helens, amounting to the sum of \$2, and that the use of the barn be discontinued.

Claims against the city to the amount of \$81.26 were allowed.

No further business appearing the council adjourned.

ASPIRANTS FOR JOB OF ROAD SUPERVISOR

The job of road supervisor for this district is wanted by several parties. Petitions are being circulated asking the county court to appoint U. S. DeSpain, formerly road supervisor, and the friends of Elon Felton, the present incumbent, are busy with petitions in his behalf.

A piece of timber measuring 24x 24 inches and 111 feet long was sent out of the mill Thursday. The board measure of this big stick is more than 5,000 feet. It is for a ship kiln and will be shipped to San Francisco for use in the building of a steam schooner.

PRESIDENT TARBELL TENDERS RESIGNATION

Will No Longer Be Head of Columbia County Fair Association.

A. H. Tarbell, who has so successfully conducted the affairs of the Columbia County Fair Association as its president, this week tendered his resignation to the county court. For the past seven years Mr. Tarbell has been at the head of the fair and has seen it grow from a small grange fair to a county fair, one which ranks with the best in Oregon.

As yet the county court has appointed no one to succeed Mr. Tarbell, although the appointment will be made in the near future.

ROLLER SKATING AT SUNSET GYM

The Sunset Athletic Club Tuesday night inaugurated an amusement which no doubt will be appreciated and patronized by the public. From now on, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock, their hall will be open for roller skating.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT CLATSKANIE

The following is the program which has been arranged for the teachers' institute which will be held in Clatskanie tomorrow:

- 1. Invocation... Rev. H. F. Gelvin
2. Demonstration in Spelling... Miss Nan Snow
3. Demonstration in Reading... Mrs. George Cowgill
4. Club Work... Miss Helen Conyers
5. Biblical Recitation... Kathryn Murphy
6. Number Work—3rd Grade... Miss Bertha Lewison
7. High School Double Quartette... Mrs. Murphy (A Parent)
8. Subject Selected... Mrs. Minnie Traferer
9. Picture Study... Mrs. Mary McGregor
10. "What the Teacher Owes the Community"... Mr. D. W. Wight
11. Subject Selected... Mrs. Elizabeth Irwin
12. A History Assignment... Miss Jennie Hays
13. Development of L. C. M.—5th Grade... Mr. Clarence Phillips
14. Manual Training... Mr. James B. Dodson
15. "The Ideal Rural School"... J. W. ALLEN, County Supt. of Schools.

STEAMER UNDINE HAS A MISHAP

The steamer Undine, while opposite Warrior Rock lighthouse last Thursday morning, had the misfortune to blow out a cylinder head. The cylinder itself was also much damaged. Fortunately no one was injured, and with the aid of a passing towboat the steamer was brought to her berth at the Sheldon dock.

DEATH RESULTS FROM INJURIES

John Mikkonen, the young man who was so badly injured the afternoon of November 22 at the shipyard, died at a Portland hospital Monday, December 4. His back was broken and he received other injuries. Mikkonen was about 24 years of age and leaves a wife, who lives in St. Helens.

COURT SUBMITS EXPENSE BUDGET

Much Money Required to Run County—10 Mill Road Levy Proposed.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Mist is published the Columbia county budget for the ensuing year. As set forth in the published notice, the court has set December 30, at 1 p. m., as the date and hour for a public hearing, which will be in the circuit court room, and many taxpayers from all over the county will be present.

As we understand the budget, it may be summarized as follows: For general fund expenses \$165,430.00 For road fund 127,791.00 Total to be raised \$293,221.00

The court also estimates that about \$8,000 will be raised from clerk's fees, sheriff's fees, interest on bank deposits, etc., so that the total amount available, should the budget be adopted, will be in excess of \$300,000. Of this amount the county will have to tend to the state coffers about \$40,000. These are only a few items of the budget.

SHIPPING NEWS

The vessels now in port are being loaded by union longshoremen. The Columbia River Stevedoring Company has charge of the loading and the vessels are taking only union men to handle and store cargo.

The steamer J. B. Stetson arrived in Wednesday morning and is taking on a cargo of 800,000 feet of mining timber for delivery at San Pedro. Captain Belleson reports a very rough passage up the coast.

The steamer Inagua, with a cargo of 550,000 feet of lumber, left down river late Saturday night. Her destination is San Pedro.

The steamer Nehalem arrived in Monday morning, and after taking on 750,000 feet of lumber left for San Pedro Wednesday night.

Shipping all along the coast was delayed by the storm of Saturday, Sunday and Monday. At Astoria there were five vessels barbound and about the same number at Grays Harbor. Several lives were lost at sea and damage done along the entire northwest coast.